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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO AMCONSUL IBADAN

AMCONSUL KADUNA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 3107

KADUNA PASS BPAO KANO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, OTRA, NI

SUBJECT: FMG CURTAILMENT INTERNAL TRAVEL OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS

1. SINCE FEBRUARY 13 COUP ATTEMPT, FMG HAS BEEN HEAVILY PREOCCUPIED WITH SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS. MEA HAS IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS REQUESTED DEFERRAL OF THREE IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL PROPOSALS (PAO TO KADUNA, JOS AND ZARIA; AGATT TO KADUNA; ACAO TO CALABOR), AND MARCH 10 MEA PROTOCOL OFFICE COMMENTED THAT REQUEST BY "ALL" DIPLOMATS TO "ANY OTHER PART OF THE COUNTRY" WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ALLOWED "AT PRESENT."

2. HEAD OF CHANCERY AT BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION (BHC) TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT BHC HAS CANCELLED ALL OFFICIAL TOURING FOR 4 WEEKS. HE ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FMG IS EXAMINING PROS AND CONS OF PERMITTING CONTINUED OPERATION IN NIGERIA OF DEPUTY HICOMS, U.S. AND OTHER CONSULATES, BRITISH COUNCIL AND USIS BRANCH OFFICES.

3. COMMENT. IN VIEW EXTREME CURRENT FMG SENSITIVITY TO DIPLOMATIC  
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TRAVEL AND REPORTED RE-EXAMINATION OF PRESENCE OF CONSULATES AND

INFORMATION OFFICES OUTSIDE LAGOS, WE BELIEVE IBADAN/KADUNA/KANO SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL IN ALL THEIR CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING THE COMING WEEKS. NO TRAVEL SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTING EMBASSY, AND ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE AND AVOID INCIDENTS THAT MIGHT GIVE OFFENSE OR BE MIS-UNDERSTOOD AS SINISTER IN ANY WAY.

4. WE PROPOSE TO MAINTAIN NON-PRO COURIER SERVICE BUT FOR TIME BEING BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE SUSPEND OTHER TRAVEL BETWEEN POSTS, EVEN IF ONLY FOR IN-HOUSE CONSULTATIONS.

5. WE WILL KEEP ADDRESSEES APPRISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CONNECTION AND WOULD APPRECIATE PERIODIC APPRAISALS OF SITUATION AS SEEN FROM YOUR VANTAGE POINT.  
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